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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. PATRICK ROWLAND R Rep. Burt Talcott (R-Calif.)

Rep. Talcott advises us that because of an impending law suit by an environmentalist group, he would like us to drop our consideration of the San Felipe visit on June 5.

Attached are copies of the May 6 memo and the schedule proposal on this matter.

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THR OUGH:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. PATRICK ROWLAND

Rep. Burt L. Talcott (R-Calif.)

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While I do not know the overall plan for California, I would recommend special consideration of some sort of Presidential activity in this part of California. Although a rural and farming area, it is close enough to the metropolitan areas of San Francisco and San Jose to attract a lot of good press coverage.

I am enclosing an article from the <u>San Jose Mercury News</u> (the newspaper which circulates in the Salinas area) which mentions the impact that former President Kennedy's visit to this area had fourteen years ago.

Representatives Pete McCloskey of Portola Valley, and Norm Mineta of San Jose, both recommend this visit.

WASHINGTON

E	SCHEDU	ILE PROPOSAL
	DATE:	May 7, 1976
	THRU:	Max Freidersdorf
		Charles Leppert, Jr.
	FROM:	Patrick Rowland R
	VIA:	Bill Nicholson

MEETING:

BACKGROUND:

Ground-breaking ceremony

DATE: Saturday, June 5, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.

PURPOSE:To commemorate the ground-breaking of the PachecoPass Tunnel of the San Felipe Water Project

FORMAT: Pacheco Pass is located near Gilroy, California

PARTICIPANTS: The President Rep. Burt Talcott (R-Calif.) Rep. Paul McCloskey (R-Calif.) Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) Civic Dignitaries

SPEECH MATERIAL: To be provided

PRESS COVERAGE: Announce to press - White House photographer

STAFF: Patrick Rowland

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

1. The San Felipe Water Project will bring critically needed water to the central coast of California.

2. This far sighted solution to California's water problem was federally funded during the President's Administration.

3. As per attached news article from the <u>San Jose</u> <u>Mercury News</u>, a similar ground-breaking fourteen years ago by former President Kennedy for the east end of this project attracted huge crowds and publicity.

- 4. While located in a rural and farm area, the project is of major concern to the San Jose, California, area which is the fourth largest city in California (SMSA 1,640,000 people).
- 5. This visit was recommended by Representatives Talcott, McCloskey, and Mineta.

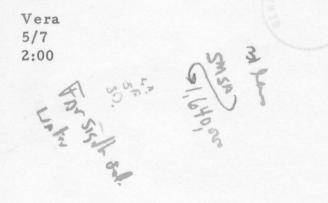
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WASHINGTON

Pat:

Bob Wolthuis called to say that Bill Nicholson is interested in this and would like a schedule proposal submitted.



WASHINGTON

May 6, 1976

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March 22, 1976

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Dear Sort:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President inviting him to participate in ground-breaking ceremonies commemorating the beginning of construction of the San Palige Division of the Central Valley Freject.

I shall be pleased to share your latter with the appropriate members of the staff. You may be assured that the infitation for early June will receive most careful consideration and that you will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindast regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Lopport, Jr. Special Assistant for Logislative Affairs

The Sonorable Bort Talcott House of Representatives Nashington, D. C. 20515

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BURT TALCOTT CALIFORNIA, 16TH DISTRICT Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

March 16, 1976

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES (RANKING MEMBER) MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Dear Mr. President:

The San Felipe Committee is extending an invitation to you, through me, to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the beginning of construction of the San Felipe Division of the Central Valley Project.

This project will provide important long range benefits to the residents of the coastal area immediately south of San Francisco.

I hope that your schedule in early June will permit you to participate in this important ceremony.

Faithfully yours,

BURT TALCOTT

The President The White House

WASHINGTON OFFICE 1535 LONGAORTH OFFICE BULLEING VIASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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IF POLITICAL PRESSURES show will never be forgotten. currently being brought to bear * * * are fruitful. President Ford will THE POLITICAL OVERTONES stand on a hillside east of Gilroy of President Ford's projected visit on June 5 and push a dynamite in June have already been noted. plunger. Dirt will fly, and the Pa- The San Felipe groundbreaking

They landed within 100 yards of the crowd's edge, their rotors churning up great clouds of dust. * * * **KENNEDY'S SPEECH that day** called for "a vast resources pro-

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which authorized Folsom Dam as to go." Its first water reached here part of the Central Valley Project in 1965, none too soon. Our wells and made Santa Clara and San were drying up and our valley Benito Counties part of its service floor was sinking before it arrived.

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May 13, 1976

Dear Al:

It is my pleasure to send these photographs that were taken during the Congressional Hour on April 8, 1976.

They come to you with the best wishes of the President.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles Leppert, Jr. Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Albert H. Quie House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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WASHINGTON

April 6, 1976

MEETING WITH REP. ALBERT H. QUIE (R-MINN.)

Thursday, April 8, 1976 11:10 a.m. (5 minutes) The Oval Office

Via: Max Friedersdorf From: Charles Leppert, Jr. Cop.

I. PURPOSE

To introduce Mr. Jo Baasch, of Rochester, Minnesota, who wishes to present to the President a steel sculpture as a Bicentennial gift to the nation.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

Background: Α. Mr. Baasch does metal sculpture and sells his creations commercially. This sculpture is a 52-inch high sculpture of a bird balanced on one wing-tip. 2. Mr. Baasch is a strong backer of Rep. Quie who requested this meeting for the next Congressional Hour. The Counsel's office has been consulted about 3. accepting a gift of this type (sculpture valued at \$500) and advises there is no problem if it is presented as a Bicentennial gift. The President в. Participants: Rep. Albert H. Quie (R-Minn.) Mr. Holger Johan Baasch (artist) Mrs. Lynn Avon Baasch (wife) Miss Barbara Lynn Baasch (daughter) Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff) Announce to press as part of Congressional Hour C. Press Plan: White House photographer

III. TALKING POINTS

- Mr. Baasch, tell me how you went about working out this bird sculpture. What gave you the inspiration to do a bird sculpture?
- 2. Mr. and Mrs. Baasch, I am pleased to accept this bird sculpture as a Bicentennial gift to the people of this nation. I will see that it is appropriately displayed.

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL DATE: February 17, 1976 THRU: Max Friedersdorf FROM: Vern Loen V/L VIA: Bill Nicholson

MEETING:

DATE:

PURPOSE:

FORMAT:

PARTICIPANTS:

SPEECH MATERIAL:

PRESS COVERAGE:

STAFF:

RECOMMEND:

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

BACKGROUND:

Rep. Albert H. Quie (R-Minn.)

Next Congressional Hour

Rep. Quie has requested that Mr. Jo Baasch, 41, of Rochester, Minnesota, be granted the opportunity to present the President a steel sculpture as a Bicentennial gift to the nation.

The Oval Office - 5 minutes

The President Rep. Albert H. Quie (R-Minn.) Mr. Jo Baasch Mrs. Lynn A. Baasch (wife) Ted Marrs (staff) Milt Mitler (staff) Vern Loen (staff)

Talking points to be provided

Announce to press as part of Congressional Hour White House photographer

Vern Loen

Max Friedersdorf

Rep. Quie is a close friend and frequently meets with the President on legislative matters.

1. Rep. Quie is carrying the ball for the Administration on several fronts, including our education block grants initiative. 2. This constituent is a very strong backer of Mr. Quie.

The Counsel's office has been consulted about accepting a gift of this type (a 52 inch high sculpture of a bird balanced on one wing-tip valued at \$500) and advises there is no problem if it is presented as a Bicentennial gift.

Mr. Baasch does metal sculpture as a hobby and sells his creations commercially, but has promised not to exploit this event.

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cc: Ted Marrs Milt Mitler 3.

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February 12, 1976

Dear Al:

Thank you for your picture typifying the steel sculpture of your constituent, Jo Baasch, of Rechester.

I understand that he wishes to present a similar sculpture of a bear as a Bicentonsial gift to the nation.

I am hopeful that we can get this scheduled for a Congressional Hour in the near future.

With kind personal regards, I am

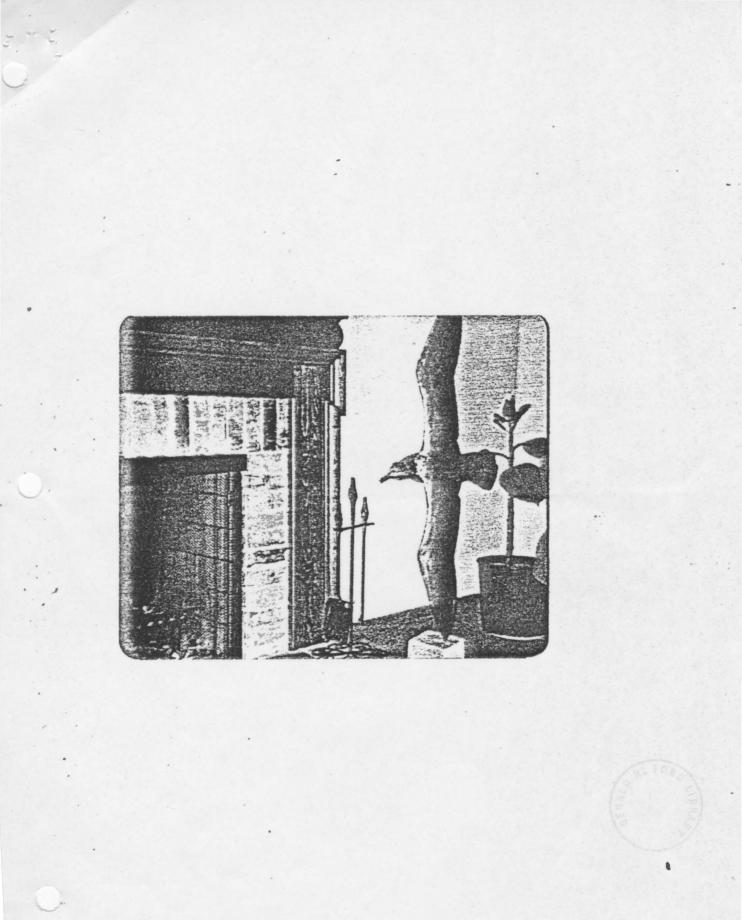
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Vernos C. Loss Doputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Albert H. Quie House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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E	SCHEDU	LE PROPOSAL
b	DATE:	May 14, 1976
	THRU:	Max Friedersdorf
		Charles Leppert, Jr.
	FROM:	Patrick Rowland 🕅
	VIA:	Bill Nicholson

MEETING:

Rep. Carlos J. Moorhead (R-Calif.)

DATE: Next Congressional Hour

PURPOSE: Opportunity for Congressman Moorhead to present to the President a greeting from the Glendale school children in honor of the 200th birthday of the nation.

FORMAT:

The Oval Office - 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Rep. Carlos Moorhead (R-Calif.) Patrick Rowland (staff)

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Talking points will be provided

PRESS COVERAGE:

Announce to press - White House photographer

STAFF: Patrick Rowland

RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf

BACKGROUND;

 As a project, the school children of Glendale, California, made a scroll in recognition of the 200th birthday of our nation.

2. This scroll carries signatures of 20,000 school children (the length of two football fields).

3. The scroll was presented to Congressman Moorhead with the request from the children that it be taken to the White House and personally presented to the President.

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CARLOS J. MOORHEAD

220 DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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May 7, 1976

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND POWER

MAY 7 1976

Mr. Thomas G. Loeffler Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Tom:

With further reference to your telephone conversations with Alice Andersen, my Administrative Assistant, I am hoping that it may be arranged for me to personally present to the President the scroll in recognition of the 200th birthday of our Nation.

This project was undertaken by the school children of Glendale, California in my district and carries the signatures of more than 20,000. It was presented to me in Glendale and I handcarried it back to Washington along with the request from the children that I take it to the White House and personally deliver it to President Ford.

I am well aware of the many demands - especially in this Bicentennial Year - but I realize that it could be done within a couple of minutes and I know what it would mean to these school children to receive a photograph of the presentation. I hope it may be possible for you to schedule it.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

CARLOS J. MOORHEAD Member of Congress

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	SCHEDUI	LE PROPOSAL
THE WHITE HOUSE	DATE:	May 17, 1976
	THRU:	Max Friedersdorf
WASHINGTON	FROM:	Charles Leppert, Jr.
	VIA:	Bill Nicholson

MEETING:

Rep. Clarence E. Miller (R-Ohio)

DATE:

PURPOSE:

Opportunity for Rep. Miller to introduce John Cronin who has created a ceramic plaque of the President and wishes to present it to him.

FORMAT:

The Oval Office - 5 minutes

Talking points to be provided

Next Congressional Hour

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Rep. Clarence E. Miller (R-Ohio) John Cronin Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff)

SPEECH MATERIAL:

PRESS COVERAGE: White House photographer

STAFF: Charles Leppert, Jr.

RECOMMEND:

Max Friedersdorf

BACKGROUND:

By letter of February 18, Rep. Miller requested this 1. presentation for John Cronin of New Lexington, Ohio.

2. John Cronin, a student in the New Lexington, Ohio, Junior High School, has constructed a ceramic plaque of the President as a project in art class. He would like to present this plaque to the President.

3. Businessmen in New Lexington are willing to pay John's expenses in order for him to come to Washington to make this presentation.

4. Mr. Phil Swinehart, Principal of the New Lexington Junior High School, is a good friend of Rep. Miller, and requested that the Congressman set up this meeting.

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Called Rep. Miller's office and spoke with Mary Lamont, who did the letter. She referred me to Dave Brown, AA to Rep. Miller.

Congressman Miller does not know the boy nor has he seen the plaque.

Dave said that the Congressman knows the Principal of the school and on that basis passed on the letter. He also said that if the opportunity came up, they would appreciate a meeting, but there was no urgency.

Vera 4/30

Pebruary 27, 1976

Dear Clarence:

Thank you for your February 18 letter on behalf of John Cronin, who has created a ceramic plaque of the President and wishes to present it to him.

The President's schedule, as I am sure you know, is extremely heavy in the coming months. However, I will be pleased to hold this request with the thought that we might be able to work out a presentation during a Congressional Hour.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Clarence E. Miller House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Vern Loen for Cong. Hour pending file

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February 18, 1976

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Max Friedersdorf Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

Enclosed is a recent correspondence received by our office.

Any information you may be able to supply us that will help answer our constituent's inquiry will be apprecrated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

larence E. Mi er Member of Congress

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January 16, 1976

The Honorable Clarence Miller Congressman 10th Ohio District Rayburn Office Building Washington D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Miller;

John Cronin, a student in our Junior High school, has constructed a ceramic plaque pf President Ford. This has been a project in Art Class for John. John has had communication with President Ford's office, and he is now interested in presenting the plaque to the President. Businessman in New Lexington are willing to pay for John's expenses to Wasington. Would it be possible for you to set up an appointment with the President to make the presentation.

Thank you for your time and considerstion.

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Phil Swinehart Principal

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James L. Summers Sr High School Principal Phone 342-3528 Phillip Swinehart Jr. High Principal Phone 342-2556

Richard Eberts, Principal New Lexington 342-3464 John H. Lybarger. Principal Junction City 987-3751

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1975

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

On behalf of President Ford, I want to thank you for your kind letter concerning the sculpture which one of your students did of him. I know the President will be pleased to receive John Cronin's work as an expression of his friendship.

With best wishes.

Sincerely, Re L. Ettiett

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

THE WHITE HOUSE

DATE: May 17, 1976 THRU: Max Friedersdorf FROM: Charles Leppert, Jr**C**, VIA: Bill Nicholson

MEETING:	Rep. G. William Whitehurst (R-Va.)
DATE:	Next Congressional Hour
PUR POSE:	Opportunity for Rep. Whitehurst to introduce Edwin Guy Walter of Virginia Beach, Virginia
FORMAT:	The Oval Office - 5 minutes
PARTICIPANTS:	The President Rep. G. William Whitehurst (R-Va.) Edwin Guy Walter Charles Leppert, Jr. (staff)
SPEECH MATERIAL:	Talking points to be provided
PRESS COVERAGE:	White House photographer
STAFF:	Charles Leppert, Jr.
RECOMMEND:	Max Friedersdorf
BACKGROUND:	1. By letter of February 17, Rep. Whitehurst requested this introduction of Edwin Guy Walter to the President.
	2. Edwin Guy Walter is a 14 year-old eighth grader from Virginia Beach, Virginia, who has made a detailed study of all the President's, their lives and their place in history.
	3. Edwin's parents are good friends of Rep. Whitehurst and he would like to introduce this young man during a Congressional Hour.
	APPROVE DISAPPROVE

Charlie:

Please see notes attached to letters.

Thank you.

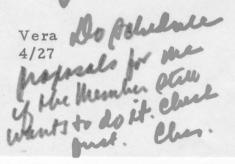
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VERA: DO A SCHEDULE PROPOSAL + HOLD FOR A CONCRESSIONAL HOUR FOR ME. CHAS.

Charlie:

These have been in my pending file. Since there was no schedule proposal done at the time, they are not in the file for consideration.

Should these be put into the Schedule proposal file as they are for future consideration?



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Called Rep. Whitehurst's office on 4/30. Left word for Janie Whitehurst (Congressman's wife did letter) to call back on Monday.

Monday, May 3, 1976.

Janie Whitehurst called to say that the parents of Edwin Guy Walter are good friends of the Congressman.

Vera 5/3

Narch 5, 1976

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your February 17 letter about Edwin Guy Walter, for when you would like to arrange a meeting with the President.

I will be pleased to keep your request in mind for scheduling during a Congressional Hour.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Henorable G. William Whitehurst House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Scc: w/inc to Vern Loen for further handling

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G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST 2ND DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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February 17, 1976

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FEB 18 1976

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

I have a young constituent, Edwin Guy Walter of Virginia Beach, whose one ambition in life at this time is to meet the President. He is a 14 year old eighth grader who has made a detailed study of all the Presidents, their lives, and their place in history, and it would mean a great deal to him, and to me, if I could bring him in one day during the Congressional Hour. He is a fine youngster, and I have known his family most of my life and count them as good friends.

Many thanks for all your help.

Cordially,

G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST

GWW/jfw

(202) 785. 4665

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1976

MEETING WITH SIX VIETNAM ERA VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY "NO GREATER LOVE" TO RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THEIR RETURN FROM VIETNAM

Wednesday, May 19, 1976 10:45 - 10:55 a.m. (10 minutes) The Oval Office

From: Theodore C. Marre Dat Man.

I. PURPOSE

To greet the six Vietnam era veterans who have been selected in an Editors' Choice project by "No Greater Love" to be recognized for their positive contributions in their communities, as civilians, since their return from Vietnam.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

- 1. "No Greater Love" is a non-profit, tax-exempt, volunteer organization which was organized in 1971 to sponsor programs of friendship and care for children of the prisoners of war, missing in action, killed in action, and hospitalized veterans, and for older Americans. "No Greater Love" is dedicated to informing, motivating and mobilizing the American people, directing them toward significant human problems and evoking from them positive action.
- 2. In October 1975, "No Greater Love" requested that newspapers, radio and TV stations throughout the country do a feature on a Vietnam veteran from their area who has made a noteworthy contribution to his community since his return from the war. These features were then submitted to "No Greater Love" and six finalists were selected to receive national recognition at an awards ceremony to be held on May 19, 1976.

The awards ceremony will be held in the New Senate Office Building immediately following this meeting with the President. There are 200 invited guests, and Art Buchwald will be Master of Ceremonies.

- 3. Mrs. Ford currently serves as Honorary Patron of "No Greater Love."
- 4. In November 1975 the President and Mrs. Ford invited area senior citizens to the White House for Thanksgiving dinner, and the President issued a Thanksgiving Salute to Older Americans, both at the suggestion of "No Greater Love."
- B. Participants: (List attached).
- C. <u>Press Plan</u>: Full press.

III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. I am very proud of you six finalists for having been chosen by "No Greater Love" to be recognized today. And I am proud of your wives who are with you here today. You are all truly outstanding men and women who have made a very positive impact on your communities and on the nation since you have returned from Vietnam.
- 2. Your military service was impressive. But since you have returned to your homes you have all been a source of inspiration and a living example of meeting life's challenges. You are worthy representatives of the millions of veterans who have come home and resumed their places in America working as civilians as you did as military men to make America great. Our veterans are enriching our nation in an endless variety of ways.
- 3. In this Bicentennial year, we ought to make a deliberate effort to tap the important resource of the American veteran a resource which you six veterans so clearly represent. Recognizing and utilizing your experiences, training, and deep commitment and devotion to this nation is one of the few ways we can turn the bitter experiences of the recent war years into healthful fruits of peace and understanding among the American people.
- 4. Again I am very proud of you and I thank you all.

Attachment

NO GREATER LOVE - Meeting with the President - 19 May 1976

BLEIER, Mr. Rocky

Vietnam veteran. Halfback with the Pittsburgh Steelers. (Not one of the six whose contributions are to be recognized here today).

BLEIER, Mrs. Aleta Giacobine (Mrs. Rocky Bleier)

BRUNOTTE, James Robert

One of the finalists - selected from a featured article in the Los Angeles Times Washington Post News Syndicate. Owns and operates a 367 acre ranch, operated as a non-profit corporation as a recreation center for the handicapped.

BRUNOTTE, Mrs. Evelyn Manov (Mrs. James Robert)

COLLEY, Chad

Finalist - nominated by the Southwest Times Record of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He lost his legs and one arm in an explosion in Vietnam. Since his discharge from the armed forces he has earned a real estate broker's license and is now marketing mobile homes. Also, earned a private pilot's license. Was statewide public speaking program chairman in Arkansas in 1974 for the Arkansas Jaycees.

COLLEY, Mrs. Betty (Mrs. Chad Colley)

DONAHUE, James C.

Finalist - nominated by WBEN-TV of Buffalo, New York. Former member of the Green Berets. Served as medical supervisor. After his discharge he was given a job directing a special investigative force for the city of Buffalo. His probing resulted in indictments and trials. He turned down an offer to run for mayor of Buffalo in favor of a job as Assistant Veterans' Employment Representative for the state of New York. He has almost doubled the employment of the disabled, handicapped and minority veterans in his state.

DONAHUE, Mrs. Sandra (Mrs. James C. Donahue)

JOHNSTON, Mathew J.

Finalist - nominated by the Platte County Times of Wheatland, N. Y. Ex Navy Pilot - served in the Navy 4 1/2 years, including carrier duty off Vietnam - now a Naval Reservist - operates the family's ranch near Wheatland, N. Y. After his discharge he flew a rescue mission which saved the life of a man injured in a vehicle accident.

JOHNSTON, Lorraine (Mrs. Mathew J. Johnston)

JOHNSTON, Mr. Eldon (Father of Mathew Johnston)

JOHNSTON, Mrs. Josephine (Mother of Mathew Johnston)

BECK, Mr. Gilbert (Godparent of Mathew Johnston)

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NAWROZKI, Joseph

Finalist - nominated by the News American of Baltimore, Maryland. New works as a general assignment reporter and rewrite man on the Baltimore News American. Has done successful investigative reporting. Also works in drug prevention. Is a black belt karate expert.

NAWROZKI, Mrs. Adrienne (Mrs. Joseph Nawrozki)

PARKER, Mr. Henri I., Jr.

Finalist - nominated by WMAL Radio of Washington, D. C. Since discharge has started a Veterans Club at the Washington Technical Institute. Also organized a Veterans Affairs office at his school. Now a student at Federal City College, he also works as a statistical assistant and investigator with the Equal Employment Opportunity Department of the D. C. Office of Human Rights. He is President of the D. C. Veterans Association.

FROM "NO GREATER LOVE"

LaSPADA, Ms. Carmella, Chairman of the Board

DANIEL, Ms. Melissa, Assistant to Ms. LaSpada

PRESS

DREHER, Mr. Robert - Platte County Record Times, Wheatland, N. Y.

GAMALLO, Mr. Manny - S. W. Times Record, Ft. Smith, Arkansas

KORAL, Mr. Joseph W. - WBEN-TV, Buffalo, N. Y.

TRIPP, David (Photographer from the Air Force detailed to No Greater Love for this meeting)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.) will place a telephone call to the President.

DATE:

TO:

11:15 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY:

PURPOSE:

BACKGROUND:

Charles Leppert, Jr. Com.

To participate in a Bicentennial celebration with the "Telephone Pioneers of America" by receiving a telephone call from Rep. Fish placed on a telephone made in 1890.

 The "Telephone Pioneers of America" is a non-profit, charitable organization, composed of retired employees of the Bell system.

2. Rep. Ham Fish will participate in a Bicentennial celebration with the retirees by placing a telephone call to the President on a genuine antique telephone made in 1890 which will be hooked up.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: 1.

Ham, thank you for calling me on behalf of the "Telephone Pioneers of America."

2. I understand you are calling on an 1890 telephone. it sounds good on this end of the line.

3. My best wishes to all of you on your Bicentennial celebration and thank you for calling.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Charlie:

John Barry, Rep. Ham Fish's AA, called with the following request/problem: (225 - 5441)

Set. Rep. Fish will participate on Sunday, May 23, in a Bicentennial celebration with the TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA (Retired after 20 years or more with the Bell System) 11:15 A.M.

They want to call an official at the White House on that Sunday on an 1890 phone they have hooked up. They have done some pre-publicity on it, assuming that it could be done.

Barry needs to talk with you on this.

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